

2006 NOAA Fisheries Employee of the Year Nomination

Narrative (continued)

Nominee's Full Name:

Category for which Nominated:

Stanger, Diane

Administrative/Support Employees (GS 11-15)

Diane Stanger came to the Center in June 2002 under an interagency agreement with the U.S. Army. This agreement was to allow us a trial period to see if Diane was a good "fit" for the Center, and if the Center was a good "fit" for Diane. Needless to say, it has been a perfect fit. During Diane's tenure with the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, she has endeared herself not only to her co-workers but to internal and external customers as well. Some of the comments received regarding Diane over the past few years include:

From an email message from Kathleen Jewett commenting on Diane's assistance with Center grants, "Diane Stanger has been a great asset during these last few weeks and days of the "grants" season - helping to identify project codes for applications under preparation, verifying accounting codes and amounts, discovering incorrectly obligated funding of grants outside our Center to our accounting codes, and assisting with project and task code information for funding for staff at the Northwest Region for grants our staff works with the regional office on, etc...I appreciate her teamwork and attitude, which really helped to get our grants into headquarters ahead of deadline."

Per an email from Diane Stanger dated September 27, 2005, "...The attached file shows the final results of the NMFS funded facilities projects. Only one minor glitch...Other than that, it looks like WASC came through for us, thanks to Paul Spizziri and crew." And an email from Dr. Bob Iwamoto dated September 28, 2005, "Great! Thanks to all for getting this work done. Not only was it important to improve the Center's infrastructure, but also to demonstrate to HQ that we are committed to making changes if they will provide us with the funds."

Diane never hesitates to provide assistance. She is a very conscientious employee and coworker and serves as a model for all who observe her work ethic. Her dedication to the Center is unquestionable – she even takes her computer with her on vacation to ensure she is able to provide help while out of the office. Diane provides inspiration to all through her pursuit of personal excellence. She completed the Certified Defense Financial Manager Program and is now a certified financial manager, an achievement that lends even more credence for her actions and decisions on behalf of the Center. Diane has also involved herself with other Center-wide activities. She helped to make the NWFSC Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration a huge success, volunteering her time, energy and knowledge of her heritage to the Planning Committee.

As the Center's budget analyst, Diane is continually looking for ways to increase efficiency of operations. Diane also played a key role in ensuring that the funding received by the Center from for facilities projects and construction was correctly obligated in a timely manner. Because of her dedication to this task, all the funding was spent and the projects awarded.

Diane is a sterling example of the type of employee that the Employee of the Award was created to honor. She is extremely hardworking and pays exacting attention to detail which are qualities we cherish for someone who handles the budgets for the Center. 2006 was a very challenging year for her, but one which allowed her to show that she has the right stuff to overcome adversities and face challenges without reservation. It is therefore a pleasure to nominate Diane Stanger for the Employee of the Year Award.